Savannah State University
Savannah, Georgia

The One Hundred Seventieth Commencement

Lux et Veritas

Saturday, May Twelfth
Two Thousand Seven

Ten O'Clock A. M.
Tiger Arena
Savannah State University

Order of Procession

The Chief Marshal

The Class Marshals

Candidates for Master's Degrees

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Faculty Emeriti

The Faculty

The Presidential Party

The academic regalia, the academic processional, and the ceremonial program are part of an ancient tradition of learning. This tradition is a unified, solemn occasion at which only applause is appropriate.

The audience is asked to refrain from any other form of expression and to reserve celebrations until the program is concluded.

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Order of Service

Dr. Julius S. Scott, Jr., Interim President
Presiding

PRELUDE . . . . . "Largo" . . . . . Handel
Professor Nan Poole Spicer, Organist

*ACADEMIC PROCESSION. . . . . "War March of the Priests" . . . . Felix Mendelssohn
Professor Nan Poole Spicer, Organist

INVOCATION . . . . . Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman
Pastor, First African Baptist Church

SELECTION. . . . . "Ain'-A That Good News" . . . . . arr. by William Dawson
The Savannah State University Concert Choir
Director, Professor Nan Poole Spicer

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM GUESTS
AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER . . . . . Dr. Julius S. Scott, Jr.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS . . . . . Mr. Michael L. Thurmond
Commissioner, Georgia Department of Labor

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS . . . . . Dr. Julius S. Scott, Jr.
The Richard R. Wright Award
Mattie Beverly Payne Award
President's Second Mile Award

SELECTION . . . . . "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" . . . . . Rodgers/Hammerstein
arr. by Professor Nan Poole Spicer
The Savannah State University Concert Choir
Erica- Christina Beauty Little, Soprano,
Patrick Norris, Bass,
Director, Professor Nan Poole Spicer
Accompanied by Christopher Chandler

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE MASTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE . . . . . Dr. Beverly A. Watkins
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Interim Dean, Graduate Studies

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE MASTER OF
SOCIAL WORK DEGREE . . . . . Dr. Beverly A. Watkins

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE
FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN URBAN STUDIES . . . . . Dr. Beverly A. Watkins

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN MARINE SCIENCES DEGREE . . . . . Dr. Beverly A. Watkins

CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES . . . . . Dr. Julius S. Scott, Jr.
Assisted by Dr. Beverly A. Watkins, Mr. Adrian Cornelius, Dean of Enrollment Management and
Dr. Charles J. Elmore, Professor of Humanities and Chairman, Department
Mass Communications

INTRODUCTION
OF UNDERGRADUATE DEANS . . . . . .Dr. Jane M. Gates
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
College of Business Administration . . . . . .Dr. Mostafa H. Sarhan, Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences . .Dr. Johnnie D. Myers, Interim Dean
College of Sciences and Technology . . . .Dr. Babajide Familoni, Dean

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES . . . . . .Dr. Julius S. Scott, Jr.
Assisted by Academic Deans, Mr. Adrian Cornelius, Dean of Enrollment Management and Dr. Charles J. Elmore, Professor of Humanities and Chairman, Department Mass Communications

PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES . . . . . .Dr. Julius S. Scott, Jr.

ALUMNI INDUCTION . . . . . .Dr. Shirley McDuffie
President, Savannah State University National Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS
TRAINING CORPS CANDIDATES FOR
COMMISSIONING . . . . . .Capt. Leonard B. Jones
USN and Professor of Naval Science

COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS
Reading the Commissioning Document . . . . . .Capt. Leonard B. Jones

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE – N.R.O.T.C. . . .Capt. Leonard B. Jones

ALMA MATER* . . . . . .Professor Nan Poole Spicer, Organist

BENEDICTION . . . . . .Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman

RECESSIONAL**. . . . . "Pomp and Circumstance" . . . . . .Sir Edward Elgar
Professor Nan Poole Spicer, Organist

Immediately after the recessional the Presidential Party and Faculty will greet guests during a reception in the Courtyard of the Howard Jordan College of Business Administration.

Savannah State College Hymn

Original words and music by J. Randolph Fisher and Hillary Hatchett

Let us give thanks and praises to
Our Alma Mater, S.S.U.
Thine honor, pride, and eminence,
We raise in prayerful reverence.

Guide us still from day to day,
Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;
Help us know that life, short or long,
Means unceasing work for weak and strong.

Refrain
Where Savannah meets the sea,
Where grassy plains and palms abound,
Where the Flow'rs are gems of loveliness,
There S.S.U. is found.

We adore each beauteous scene and hall,
Our all we pledge to Thee!
In our hearts we'll build a shrine for You
We hail Thee, S.S.U.!

Lyrical Revision by Ms. LaGina M. Frazier

*The audience is requested to stand.
**The audience is requested to sit and to remain seated until the recession has exited.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Public Administration

Tiffany Lavonne Grayson	Wesleyan College
Nakeith Corey Phillips	Florida A&M University
Marquis Jenard Waring!	Savannah State University

Master of Social Work

Shafeqah Johnson Abdullah	Savannah State University
Keyonna Hope Adams	Savannah State University
Patricia Anne Ayala	Georgia Southern University
Cameshia LaShun Bailey-Mayes	University of West Georgia
Myrtic Laurette Cox	Lincoln Memorial University
Shanna S. Dent	University of West Georgia
Zakiyyah Fatin El-Amin	Winthrop College
Tiki Tamara Palmer Fleming	Georgia Southern University
Latosha Temeka Greene-Edwards	Shaw University
Ardeshia Ce'mon Green	Savannah State University
Madeleine M. Haddad	College of Charleston
Ashley Denise Harrison	Georgia Southern University
Demetria L. Johnson	University of South Carolina
Cynthia Marie Jones	Adelphi University
Jessica Lynn Mitschele	Rowan College of New Jersey
Brandi Nicole McCrary	Georgia Southern University
Arthur Lee Nixon	Savannah State University
Kutina Leshango Reddish	Georgia College & State University
Sylina Strickland Ross	Albany State University
Cheryl A. Turner	University of North Florida
Janet Elizabeth Ward	University of Maine
Rosalind Anzonatta Lennon Watkins	University of Florida
Alexis Eugenia Williams	Georgia Southern University
Charlene Yvette Stevens Williams	Savannah State University

Master of Science in Urban Studies

Latavius S. Polite	Saint Augustine's College

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Master of Science in Marine Sciences

Kemit-Amon Francis Lewis!	Savannah State University
Justin Paul Manley!	Central Michigan University
James West Page	University of Georgia
Megan Cardiss Singleton	Spelman College

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting

Anwar Akeem Braddy	Garden City, Georgia
Nicole Francine Bush	Savannah, Georgia
John Roscoe Clark*	McDonough, Georgia
Sherene Alexa Fuller***	Savannah, Georgia
Courtney Nicole Gibbons	Savannah, Georgia
Jasmine Stephanie King***	Hephzibah, Georgia
Jerry Antonia Mathis	Douglasville, Georgia
Glenda Rena Murrell***	Seale, Alabama
Siboniso Thelma Ntutha**	Riverdale, Georgia
Jamice Michelle Reynolds	Savannah, Georgia
Kimberly Smith Saxon*	Pooler, Georgia
Katesia Shanette Sorrells	Monroe, Georgia

Computer Information Systems

Kentarius A. Carlisle	Symrna, Georgia
Christopher Corey Cutts	Decatur, Georgia
Antoinette Latrice Green	Kingsland, Georgia
Latrina Carey Jackson*	Decatur, Georgia
Ra'Mon J. Jones.	Rincon, Georgia
Siboniso Thelma Ntutha**	Riverdale, Georgia
Ashley Marie Reaves	Louisville, Georgia
Gina Renee' Smith	Savannah, Georgia
Brandy Blaire Terry	Augusta, Georgia
Jessica Elizabeth Whylie**	Covington, Georgia

Management

Tammera Elizabeth Baker*	Knoxville, Tennessee
Kenneth Jerome Arthur Bethel Jr.***	Nassau, Bahamas
Retha Frazier Bevens*	Savannah, Georgia
Kim Latisha Crafton	Savannah, Georgia
Vernon O. Donovan	Suffolk, Virginia
Shani Z. Harris	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Erickson Bennett Howell	Decatur, Georgia
Courtney Lynnette Huckabee*	Savannah, Georgia
Broderick C. Hutchinson	Garden City, Georgia
Jamie Alonzo Lee	Augusta, Georgia
Marc Laroy LeValle	Savannah, Georgia
Carlos C. Luckett	Savannah, Georgia
LaToyia Danielle Roberts	Woodbine, Georgia
Sabrina Loukeyar Green Scales*	Savannah, Georgia
Jacquelyn Abla Tobgo**	Savannah, Georgia
Hope Bridget Williams*	Lawrenceville, Georgia
Pamela Grant Wright	Savannah, Georgia

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Marketing

Danita M. Alexander	Decatur, Georgia
Caleb Michael Aquilino	Bowie, Maryland
Cassidy Danyelle Bass	Newmans, Georgia
Courtney Chanelle Brack*	Savannah, Georgia
Elana Alexcina Brown	Macon, Georgia
Christopher Michael Cesario	Rockford, Illinois
Kimberly Vontrice Coppett	Augusta, Georgia
Lenia Marshae Hall*	Milledgeville, Georgia
Marva Delores Johnson	Savannah, Georgia
Ophelia Nicole Lee	Rincon, Georgia
Uniquka Iesha Norris	Augusta, Georgia
Tesa Novella Pinckney	Garden City, Georgia
Robert Treval Shine	Ladson, South Carolina
Elisha Nicole Simmons	Fort Valley, Georgia
Willie Ephron Stephens	Savannah, Georgia
Clyde Tullis Jr.	Americus, Georgia
Timothy Richard Waine	Savannah, Georgia
Chiquita Amelia Wells	Dublin, Georgia
Esi Abokoma Yankah*	Atlanta, Georgia

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Africana Studies

Antoinette Renee Ellis	Savannah, Georgia

Behavior Analysis

Terri J. Brooke*	Dublin, Georgia
Shavelda Marshelle Brown	Albany, Georgia
Tiffany Monique Cooper	Monroe, Georgia
Coretta Rose Corley	Savannah, Georgia
Alonna Patrice Curry**	Millegdeville, Georgia
Margie Lee Fuller***	Waycross, Georgia
Kejuiana La'Duwan Johnson*	Hinesville, Georgia
Trinikia D. Johnson*	Savannah, Georgia
Anne Gregory Petty**	Savannah, Georgia
Brittany Elizabeth Sims	Mableton, Georgia
Ashley Dale Tuttle**	Blackshear, Georgia

Criminal Justice

Katrina Lenyse Adams	Savannah, Georgia
Akia-Maria Jo Austin*	Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Donald Joseph Christopher Crawford**	East Point, Georgia
Erika Elise Eddington*	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Erin Michelle Glover*	Fairburn, Georgia
Courtenay Allison McClain**	Stone Mountain, Georgia

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Lloyd Henry Oliver	Savannah, Georgia
Nakia Denitra Starling	Rochester, New York
Curtis Lamont Thomas	Douglasville, Georgia
Kevin Michael Tucker II	Port Orange, Florida
Ushonda Sheree Wells	Cartersville, Georgia

English, Language & Literature

MeekaAila Tiarra Adams**	Austell, Georgia
Jamila Ahsaki Cross	Atlanta, Georgia
Tony Leroy Foy	Savannah, Georgia
Danielle Alexis Herbert	Thomasville, Georgia

History

Linda Rebecca Faucette!***	Savannah, Georgia
Lisa Lorrenne Lambert***	Savannah, Georgia

Mass Communications

Erika Nicole Alexander*	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Perrice Uralus Austin	Washington, DC
Ayeisha Patrice Bonds	Savannah, Georgia
Denean Franee' Boyce	Monroe, Georgia
Rolando Roshawn Cantrell*	Atlanta, Georgia
Michael Anthony Cherry	Savannah, Georgia
Camara TearLora Ferby*	Decatur, Gerogia
Azaria Quinee Graham*	Lithonia, Georgia
Arkieva Cherie Jackson	Hepzibah, Georgia
Anthony James Johnson	Loganville, Georgia
Amber Tiffany Jones	Macon, Georgia
Gil Anthony Jones	Savannah, Georgia
Ashley Nicole McGhee*	Quitman, Georgia
Sa'Adatu Oluwafunmielayo Olanrewaju*	Conyers, Georgia
Ruben Rafael Perez Jr.	Brooklyn, New York
Lazarus Polanski Pittman	Hampton, Georgia
Dominique Loreal Simpkins*	Savannah, Georgia
Ebony E. Stewart*	Savannah, Georgia
Felicia Renee' Walker-Hayes**	Savannah, Georgia

Political Science

Jelani Lateef Byars*	Riverdale, Georgia
Xavier Je'Kyle Coombs	Carterville, Georgia
Shondreka LaShay Davis	Hrephzibah, Georgia
Vernisha Wyshun Davis	Hapeville, Georgia
William Truitt Johnson	College Park, Georgia
Anthony Leynell Sawyer Jr.*	Hinesville, Georgia
Keyuana Latrice Tumbling*	Lithonia, Georgia

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Social Work

Bonnie Moniqe Anderson	Tifton, Georgia
Amber Marie Barnes	Savannah, Georgia
Leona Gigi Dillon	College Park, Georgia
Michele DeLawn Etienne**	Hephzibah, Georgia
Asheley Joe'l Frazier*	Athens, Georgia
Marlesia Shenae Henderson*	Rincon, Georgia
Jazma Doilette Hester	Hartwell, Georgia
Rosalyn Antoinette Jackson*	Savannah, Georgia
Yulonda Michelle Kennedy*	Savannah, Georgia
Deidre Aleta London**	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Nicholas Bernard Malcom	Snellville, Georgia
Kalethia LaShay Murphy*	Savannah, Georgia
Shaun Dennis Rogers**	Christiansted, Saint Croix
Mildred Williams Taylor*	Savannah, Georgia
Octavis Dionne Taylor*	Perry, Georgia
Fana Shakira Walcott*	Lilburn, Georgia
Tamika LaVette Williams*	Savannah, Georgia

Sociology

Shaunte Renee'Carter	Jonesboro, Georgia
Georgia Butler Davis*	Savannah, Georgia
Shaundrika Ulissa Davis**	Coleman, Georgia
Sebastian Andrew Eason**	Decatur, Georgia
Latondia Daijonah Gadson	Fort Valley, Georgia
Renee' Saussy Kiett	Savannah, Georgia
Satin Lashae' Kinsey**	Marietta, Georgia
Rebecca Danielle Lamar**	Stone Mountian, Georgia
Jonathan Edward Lewis*	Dublin, Georgia
Regina Yolanda Mack	Grayson, Georgia
Michael Anthony O'Neal III*	Macon, Georgia
Tangee Denise Thomas**	Gordon, Georgia
Yolanda April Walker*	Joneboro, Georgia
Tamika Lashanda Williams	Leslie, Georgia
Nafeesah Ameera Young	San Jose, California

Visual and Performing Arts

Erica-Christina Beauty Little**	Lizella, Georgia
Deborah Ann Rhynes	Savannah, Georgia

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Biology

Jacelyn Idell Crumley	Savannah, Georgia
Tamika Sherelle Dixon*	Conyers, Georgia
Kristina Maria Ferrebee	Valdosta, Georgia
Kelvin John Frazier	Savannah, Georgia

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Fabian Rashadah Hood	Sandersville, Georgia
Crystal Nicole James*	Augusta, Georgia
Monee' Andrea Lawrence	Conyers, Georgia
Tracey Melissa Modeste***	Savannah, Georgia
Robert Bernard Owens	Ellenwood, Georgia
Shawnta Catherine Pitts*	Baltimore, Maryland
Kathy Lynette Reynolds	Savannah, Georgia
Carion Resheika Smith*	Augusta, Georgia
Talitha Tialadon Tweedy	Bethlehem, Georgia

Chemistry

Rashanna Nikole Sutton	Stone Mountain, Georgia

Civil Engineering Technology

Ahmad Alkaaki*	Savannah, Georgia
Victor Adrian Bowe**	Freeport, Bahamas
Lorenzo Charles Davis	Millen, Georgia
Isaac Moon Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
Lenicia Marie Rogers	Atlanta, Georgia
Johnathan Ramon Thomas*	College Park, Georgia

Computer Science Technology

Darien Terrell Freeman	Savannah, Georgia
Breon DeValle Green	Atlanta, Georgia
Robert Michael Allen Hagedorn***	Garden City, Georgia
Felicia Michelle Jones	Lithonia, Georgia
Scotty James McKenzie II	Montezuma, Georgia
Santreias Chereise Paschal*	Sparta, Georgia

Electronics Engineering Technology

Tavares Wallace Brown*	Savannah, Georgia
Magnus B. Folaji**	Savannah, Georgia
Antwan Jabar Johnson	Savannah, Georgia
Jason Lawrence Johnson!**	Savannah, Georgia
Patrick Delone Norris	Augusta, Georgia
Larry Reynolds Jr.	Blakely, Georgia
John Roberts	Midway, Georgia
Alfred Simmons Jr.	Savannah, Georgia

Environmental Science

Richmond Green III	Savannah, Georgia
Tamara Shari Jackson	Savannah, Georgia
Anitra Di'Yon Thomas	Riverdale, Georgia

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Marine Science

Sigourney Brittany Bain	Savannah, Georgia
Ashley Lucille Carpenter	Savannah, Georgia
Ebony Nicole Henderson	Savannah, Georgia
Siobhan Marie Lloyd	Washington, DC
Marvin Mason Mace III***	Saint Simons Island, Georgia
La'Sontayia Shar-Rae Middleton	Lawton, Oklahoma
Nicholas John Scoville*	Savannah, Georgia
LaTerica W. Thomas*	Rock Hill, South Carolina

Mathematics

Joseph Brigham*	Savannah, Georgia
Maurita Katrice Jackson	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Barbara Chantrell Miller	Atlanta, Georgia
Fyniss T-ona Robbs Nixon*	Savannah, Georgia
Marcus Craig Phillips*	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Jonathan Smith	Sparta, Georgia
Frank David Willis Jr.*	Navarre, Florida

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Ramira Gonzales!	Orange Park, Florida

NOTE: Appearance of name on any list in this program must not be considered as conclusive evidence of graduation. Persons who have met all requirements for a particular degree and whose names appear on the lists in this program will receive the degree indicated.

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Honor Graduates

Summa Cum Laude

(3.75 – 4.00)

Kenneth Jerome Bethel, Jr.
Linda Rebecca Faucette
Margie Lee Fuller
Sherene Alexa Fuller
Robert Michael Allen Hagedorn
Jasmine Stephanie King
Lisa Lorrenne Lambert
Marvin Mason Mace III
Tracey Melissa Modeste
Glenda Rena Murrell

Magna Cum Laude

(3.4 -3.74)

MeeksAila Tiarra. Adams
Caleb Michael Aquilino
Victor Adrian Bowe
Donald Joseph Christopher Crawford
Alonna Patrice Curry
Shaundrika Ulissa Davis
Sebastian Andrew Eason
Michele DeLawn Etienne
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Anne Gregory Petty
Shaun Dennis Rogers
Tangee Denise Thomas
Jacquelyn Abla Tobgo
Ashley Dale Tuttle
Felicia Renee' Walker-Hayes
Jessica Elizabeth Whylie

Cum Laude

(3.00 – 3.39)

Erika Nicole Alexander
Ahmad Alkaaki
Akia-Maria Jo Austin
Tammera Elizabeth Baker
Retha Frazier Bevens
Cassidy Danyelle Bass
Courtney Chanelle Brack
Joseph Brigham
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Fana Shakira Walcott
Yolanda April Walker
Hope Bridget Williams
Tamika LaVette Williams
Frank David Willis, Jr.
Esi Abokoma Yankah

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

Keyonna Hope Adams
Kenneth Jerome Bethel
Aisha Nykeba Burgess
John Roscoe Clark
Alonna Patrice Curry
Zakiyyah Fatin El-Amin
Tiki Tamara Palmer Fleming
Tiffany Lavonne Grayson
Ardeshia Ce'mon Green
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Erica-Christina Beauty Little
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Jacquelyn Abla Thomas
Jessica Elizabeth Whylie
Charlene Yvette Stevens Williams

The Significance of the Academic Mace

Observing the centuries-old convocation procedures, each Marshal in the Savannah State University Academic Procession carries an official mace, which is indicative of the power, dignity, and magisterium vested in the University. The mace is a club-shaped staff that originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often by legislative forums and academic enterprises.

The official mace and stand of Savannah State University were designed and made from mahogany wood by Dr. Ernest S. Brown, Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering Technology.

The University motto is "Lux Et Veritas" (Light and Truth).

Academic Costumes

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everybody wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago, it seemed best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress, has the same design for all degrees: black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; but it may be added that the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degrees, worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and the shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Business	Drab	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Law	Purple	Science	Golden Yellow
Library Science	Lemon	Social Work	Citron
Music	Pink	Theology	Scarlet

At Savannah State University, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his alma mater.

Notes

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